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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A lacrosse head comprising:

a frame having a top edge, a bottom edge, an interior face, and an exterior face, wherein the frame encloses an interior area, and wherein the frame is adapted to receive a pocket disposed adjacent to the bottom edge; and

a plurality of top protrusions disposed on the top edge; and

a plurality of bottom protrusions disposed on the bottom edge arranged such that the bottom protrusions are substantially alternating with respect to the top protrusions.

wherein the frame is adapted to receive a shaft along a shaft axis, and wherein the protrusions on the top and bottom edges of the frame are disposed along the frame such that heights of the frame measured on a line substantially perpendicularly to the shaft axis, inclusive of any top protrusion and bottom protrusion along the line, are substantially constant.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The lacrosse head of claim 1, wherein the frame comprises a stop member, two sidewalls connected to the stop member, and a scoop connected to the two sidewalls opposite the stop member, and wherein at least one of the top protrusions and at least one of the bottom protrusions is disposed on at least one of the two sidewalls.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse head of claim 2 1, wherein any height the heights of the frame inclusive of the at least one top protrusion and the at least one bottom protrusion does do not exceed a specified sidewall height approximately 2 inches.

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4. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse head of claim 3 1, wherein the specified sidewall height is one of approximately 2 inches and heights of the frame do not exceed approximately 1.8 inches.

- 5. (Previously Presented) The lacrosse head of claim 1, wherein at least one of the bottom protrusions is disposed substantially in a location on the bottom edge corresponding to a space formed on the top edge between two adjacent top protrusions.
- 6. (Canceled)
- sidewall, the height of at least one top protrusion on the sidewall, and the height of the at least one bottom protrusion on the sidewall, measured separately, exceeds the specified sidewall height one of approximately 2 inches and approximately 1.8 inches.
  - 8. (Canceled)
- (Previously Presented) The lacrosse head of claim 1, wherein at least one bottom protrusion protrudes away from the interior area.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse head of claim 9, wherein at least one top protrusion and the at least one bottom protrusion are disposed along the frame such that any frame height, inclusive of the at least one top protrusion and the at least one bottom protrusion and measured substantially perpendicularly to the top edge, does not exceed a specified height of one of approximately 2 inches and approximately 1.8 inches, and

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wherein the sum of the height of a sidewall of the frame, the height of the at least one top protrusion, and the height of the at least one bottom protrusion, measured separately, exceeds the specified height.

(Currently Amended) The lacrosse head of claim 9, wherein the frame is adapted to receive a shaft along a shaft axis, and wherein at least one top protrusion and the at least one bottom protrusion are disposed along the frame such that any frame height, inclusive of the at least one top protrusion and the at least one bottom protrusion and measured substantially perpendicularly to the shaft axis, does not exceed a specified height of one of approximately 2 inches and approximately 1.8 inches, and

wherein the sum of the height of a sidewall of the frame, the height of the at least one top protrusion, and the height of the at least one bottom protrusion, measured separately, exceeds the specified height.

- 12. (Original) The lacrosse head of claim 9, wherein the at least one bottom protrusion defines thread openings.
  - 13. (Canceled)
  - 14. (Canceled)
  - 15. (Canceled)
- (Previously Presented) The lacrosse head of claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of bottom protrusions has an opening to which the pocket can be strung.
  - 17. (Canceled)
  - 18. (Canceled)

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19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A lacrosse head comprising:

a stop member;

sidewalls extending from the stop member, wherein the sidewalls have a top edge, a bottom edge, an interior face, and an exterior face;

a transverse wall joining the sidewalls at their end opposite to the stop member, wherein an interior area is defined by the stop member, the sidewalls, and the transverse wall; and

a plurality of top protrusions disposed on the top edge; and

a plurality of bottom protrusions disposed on the bottom edge arranged such that the bottom protrusions are substantially alternating with respect to the top protrusions.

wherein the lacrosse head is adapted to receive a shaft along a shaft axis, and wherein the top protrusions and the bottom protrusions are disposed along the sidewall such that heights of the sidewalls measured on a line substantially perpendicularly to the shaft axis, inclusive of any top protrusion and bottom protrusion along the line, are substantially constant.

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21. (Previously Presented) The lacrosse head of claim 20, wherein the stop member has an upper edge, a lower edge, and an inside face, and wherein the lacrosse head further comprises a tab disposed on the lower edge of the stop member, wherein the tab protrudes away from the interior area.

22. (Canceled)

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23. (Previously Presented) The lacrosse head of claim 20, wherein at least one of the top protrusions protrudes toward the interior area, and wherein one of the bottom protrusions is disposed substantially between two adjacent top protrusions.

24. (Currently Amended) The lacrosse head of claim 20, wherein the head is adapted to receive a shaft along a shaft axis, and

wherein the heights of the sidewalls, as measured along a line substantially perpendicularly to the shaft axis, and inclusive of any top protrusion or bottom protrusion along the line, is are no greater than a specified sidewall height of one of approximately 2 inches and approximately 1.8 inches.

25. (Previously Presented) The lacrosse head of claim 24, wherein the sum of the height of a top protrusion, the height of a bottom protrusion, and the height of the sidewall, measured separately, exceeds the specified sidewall height.

26. (Currently Amended) A lacrosse head comprising:

a stop member;

sidewalls extending from the stop member, wherein the sidewalls have a top edge, a bottom edge, an interior face, and an exterior face;

a transverse wall joining the sidewalls at their end opposite to the stop member, wherein an interior area is defined by the stop member, the sidewalls, and the transverse wall;

a tooth disposed on the top edge of a sidewall of the sidewalls;

a tab disposed on the bottom edge of the sidewall,

wherein the head is adapted to receive a shaft along a shaft axis,

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wherein the sum of the height of the tooth, the height of the tab, and the height of the sidewall, measured separately, exceeds a maximum sidewall height of one of approximately 2 inches and approximately 1.8 inches specified by a set of rules for lacrosse, and

wherein the tooth and the tab are disposed along the sidewall such that any height of the lacrosse head measured substantially perpendicularly to the shaft axis, inclusive of the tooth and the tab, is no greater than the maximum sidewall height specified by a set of rules for lacrosse,

wherein the tooth and the tab are disposed along the sidewall such that heights of the sidewall measured on line substantially perpendicularly to the shaft axis, inclusive of the tooth and the tab when they are along the line, are substantially constant.

27. (Original) The lacrosse head of claim 26, wherein the tooth protrudes toward the interior area.

28. (Original) The lacrosse head of claim 26, wherein the tab protrudes away from the interior area.

29. (Original) The lacrosse head of claim 26, wherein the tab defines thread openings.

(Original) The lacrosse head of claim 26, further comprising a second tooth disposed on the top edge of the sidewall and spaced apart from the tooth, and wherein the tab is disposed substantially between the tooth and the second tooth.

- 31. (Canceled)
- 32. (Canceled)
- 33. (Canceled)